Dear Armadale Community,

What a fantastic night we had in the MPC last night with our “Making your own Rube Goldberg Monster Trap Machine” technology night. I don’t think we had any more floor space left in the MPC. I also loved seeing the Dads and the Mums and even some Grandparents, having just as much fun as the children. Thank you to everyone who could attend and I appreciate that a mid-week night out doesn’t always suit everyone.

I am particularly pleased that this learning experience afforded the children so much excitement and opportunity to be creative thinkers, problem solvers, technology designers, risk takers with great patience and persistence! I will do an analysis of your feedback sheets and present this next week. Thank you to all the parents who took videos and photos and if you could please share these with me, I can show them at next week’s assembly.

Please enjoy some of the photos from last night.

“Just a quick note to thank you for organising the technology night at school. Charlie declared it the best night ever! He just loved it, and Andrew did too (despite the pressure to get the ‘machine’ to work in front of a crowd!).

Again, many thanks to you and all the teachers for a fabulous evening of learning and fun.”

Prep excursion to the Art Gallery
Today the Preps enjoyed their excursion to the Art Gallery where the focus was investigating emotions and feelings in Art. Currently the preps are inquiring into feelings and interactions that influence the way we learn. I look forward to hearing all about how much the children enjoyed their excursion.

School Photography “follow up day” is on tomorrow!
Our whole school photo will take place at 11.30am and please see page 7 in the newsletter for the rest of the details about sibling photos and any other catch up ones as required.

This Week’s Events
Friday 20 May
♦ School photos
♦ Year 1 cocktail party
♦ Year 4&5 cocktail party

Monday 23 May
♦ Year 5&6 students to Canberra camp
♦ Year 1&2 Puppetry incursion

Tuesday 24 May
Cook Book committee meeting 2.30pm

Thursday 26 May
♦ Year 5&6 students return from Canberra camp

Friday 27 May
♦ Year 2 cocktail party

Coming Events
Friday 3 June
♦ Year 5&6 Touch Football gala day
♦ Year 3 cocktail party

Tuesday 7 June
♦ PFA meeting 2.30pm in staffroom

Friday 17 June
♦ Year 6 cocktail party

Friday 23 June
♦ Disco

Prep, Years 1&2 6.00-7.00pm
Year 5 and 6 Canberra Camp
The Year 5 and 6 children are looking forward to their Canberra trip starting bright and early on Monday morning. Their 4 day adventure will see them go to the High Court, Old and New Parliament House, the Museum of Australian Democracy, the Australian Museum, the AIS, the War Memorial, Questacon and the Australian Art Gallery. Being an election year I have no doubt that the children will see increased political activity and may even get to chat to a number of politicians. I would like to thank and acknowledge all the work undertaken by Zaim Zeneli in organising the entire camp and to also thank the following teachers who will be accompanying the children on the camp: Zaim Zeneli, Kate Pilgrim, Gillian Brown, Vita Vampatella, Donna Brammer, John Mulligan and Malcolm Dow.

For our staff, being on camp is no easy feat looking after the children 24/7, a long bus trip, up early each day, a full day of activities planned and not going to sleep until all the children are asleep, but I am sure they will all have a fantastic time and I can’t wait to hear from them.

Year 1 and Year 4/5 Cocktail parties
Malcolm and I are looking forward to spending time with parents of Years 1, 4 and 5 at the next round of cocktail parties this Friday night. We will no doubt manage to make our way from Lona to Sagra without too much difficulty. Thank you so much to the parents and class reps for organising these very important social opportunities for our parents to further connect and deepen their friendships.

Double parking and leaving your car in Densham Road.
Further to my request last week about children’s safety, may I please ask if parents do not leave double parked cars unattended and please also do not park for longer than the 5 minutes allowed for drop offs and pick ups during the peak times. Your co-operation with this is appreciated by our community.

Prep 2107 sibling enrolments are closing soon
Just a reminder to our families who have young siblings starting Prep next year could you please submit your enrolment forms as soon as possible to the office.

Have a wonderful week.

Rochelle Cukier
Principal
**Assistant Principal**

**Working Bee Follow Up**
Just an extra note to last week’s article on the Working Bee. Last weekend, two of our parents, Dugald Jellie and Justin Cox came back to school for a few hours to complete the work on the retaining wall on our southern boundary. It was a very large job and wasn’t fully completed at the working bee, so these two dads came back and completed the work. Thanks very much Dugald and Justin.

**Tiqbiz**
Earlier this week we made some changes to the categories in Tiqbiz, separating out each individual year level for the children, in order to make the notifications more specific to each year level. If you have not already done so, please check that you have the right categories selected. Laura Welch, our Arts Teacher, has also created a category for Honk! so if your child is involved in this production, please select that as well. For any of our new families please make sure that you have access to Tiqbiz either through your phone or computer, and have selected Armadale Primary School, in order to get important notifications about school.

**Reports**
Our teachers are now finalising their assessments and starting to complete the student reports for Semester 1. As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, we are using a different system to create our reports, Compass, and have restructured the layout of them. As parents you will notice some big changes too. Our reports will now be entirely online, meaning that you will receive some details of the Compass parent portal with information about how to log in and access the school reports. They will be in PDF format and from there you will be able to print out or save copies as you please. A copy will always remain on the Compass website and over time these will form a comprehensive archive of your children’s reports.

**Year 5/6 Camp**
I am really looking forward to attending the Year 5/6 Camp at Canberra next week. I have been a few times before and it is a wonderful experience for the children to see so much of our cultural and political heritage here in one central area. The educational programs that many of the institutions offer is first class, and the children always return home with a greatly enriched understanding of how our country works. With the Federal Election campaign in full swing it will be a fantastic opportunity for our students to witness democracy in action up close.

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**Technology Night**

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**Working Bee donation**
For those parents who were unable to attend the recent Working Bee we would be grateful if you could make a $30 contribution to our Working Bee fund for ongoing maintenance.

☑️ I would like to make a $30 (or other amount) donation to the APS Grounds fund

Family Name: ________________  Amount: $30.00 or $________  Pay by:

☐ Qkr! (under both the Essential items and Donations tabs)

☐ Direct Deposit to Armadale PS Account BSB 083298 A/C No: 028911383 please note on your direct deposit transaction your Family Name & Working Bee
The Arts News

For Sale: Keyboard piano
We are selling the keyboard piano to make way for a new portable keyboard. If anyone from the Armadale community is interested, please come and have a look in the arts studio, before or after school, before it goes on gumtree.

Honk! Jr
Rehearsals are now underway!
A busy next two terms to put the show together!

Tiqbiz
Parents, please select the HONK tiqbiz newsfeed, we will be using it for communication during the rehearsal and performance period.

Apologies for the omission of two students in the production in last week’s newsletter:

- Farmer/Ensemble: Sam Stringer
- Behind the Scenes: Lucia Pegler

Laura Welch
The Arts Teacher
Welch.laura.1@edumail.vic.gov.au

Mobile Phone and Battery Collection

Dear Parents,

Over the next few weeks the Green team will be collecting mobile phones and batteries. We will be going around the school to all the classrooms with a container to collect them in. We will be giving them to a battery and mobile phone foundation that turns them into something new and exciting! If you have any unwanted batteries or mobile phones please get your child to bring them to school.

Thanks,

From the Green team

Book Club news

Scholastic Book Club catalogue Issue 4 has been distributed to students this week.

Check the back page of the catalogue to see payment methods. LOOP orders are electronically linked to the school for orders and payment, and the easiest method to use.

Book orders need to be placed by Friday, 3 June 2016.
**Cross Country report**

On the 13th May 41 students from years 3-6 travelled to Bald Hill Park to compete in the district cross country. Congratulations to all the students that competed. But, an extra congratulations to Stephanie Smith, Scarlett Campbell, Will Hucker, Samuel Stringer, Henry Stringer and Rhiannon David who all placed in the top 8 and will now get to proceed to the next round - Division.

Also a big thank you to all the teachers and parents that came along to help on the bus and support the students.

Thanks to Mr Cracknell for setting up the course and training everyone - we hope you have a wonderful holiday. Everyone did a great job and we all had a great day!!

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**Sports News**

**Tri Skills Gymnastics**
All students in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to take part in the Tri Skills gymnastics program.

Please remember:

- Shoes and socks off 5 minutes prior to the scheduled lesson start time (gymnastics lessons)
- No jewellery or watches
- Long hair tied back
- Shorts, bike shorts or tracksuit pants
- No skirts or tights please!
- Signed permission with term 2 excursion levy form needs to be returned to school.

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**Year 5 & 6 Touch Football gala day**

Our next gala day will be held on Friday 3 June at Fawkner Park. The students will be involved in a series of fun round robin games with other schools in our district.

Please click on [this link](#) to go to the website for all the details about the day.

*John Mulligan*
*Acting Sports Co-ordinator*

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**GO ARMADALE!!!!!**
Parents & Friends of Armadale (PFA)

Hi everyone,

Seeking your favourite family recipes for a stunning Armadale Primary School Community hard back cook book.

Submit your recipes in any format to armadalecookbook@gmail.com They can be anything from favourite family dinners, soups, salads, vegetarian, seafood, rice, pasta, meat, dessert, lunch box snacks, biscuits, gluten free, cakes, to preserves and more!

If you would like to help with this cook book, please contact Sam Haydon 0414 399 488 or on above email.

We will hold a meeting on Tuesday 24th May at 2.30pm to run through a timeline and discuss creative and ideas. Room TBC. Everyone welcome.

Thanks for your support.

Cook Book Committee

.........Just a few other things from the PFA

Cocktail Parties
There are still a few Cocktail Parties to go......

School Photos

The school photography ‘follow-up’ day is on tomorrow Friday 20 May.

Photographs will be taken of:
- Whole school photo at approximately 11.30am
- Whole year 6 photo
- House captain groups
- Any student/teacher/staff, who was absent at the recent photo day shoot
- Any ordered sibling photo.

If you would like a sibling shot, but have not ordered it yet, please go online, login and order it by tomorrow.

To login and order: https://www.monarchypictures.com.au/site/login

The Monarchy Pictures team

Hello,

The Monarchy Pictures team
Fortunate Footy Cards 2016

Meet our Carlton Football Club ambassadors!

Do you have a surplus of silvers? Do you have a google of golds?

Do you have way too many wilds? Can you forfeit your footy pointers?

Then... DONATE YOUR DOUBLES!!!!

Fortunate Footy Cards provides disadvantaged children with the experience of owning and trading footy cards and albums as the 2016 AFL season progresses.

From April, there will be a collection box at your school reception to receive your donated doubles.

Please tell your family, friends and colleagues to pass on their unused cards so others can benefit.

Cards from near and far can also be sent to PO Box 8310 Armadale VIC 3142.

Don’t forget to like us on Facebook.

AFL Community
The Smith Family

The Smith Family is a national children’s charity that helps disadvantaged students to succeed at school.

The following students have qualified for a Bronze Dollarmites Certificate for making 10 deposits this year:

♦ Mavi Imam
♦ Campbell Anderson
♦ William Castine
♦ Daniel Barlow
♦ Winnie Mastores
♦ Siobhan McGann

Well done everyone!

Alison Crone
School Banking Co-ordinator
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New School Holiday Day Camp
27th June - 1st July
20+ Activities including:
Basketball | AFL | Cooking
Drama | Art | Tennis
Soccer | Photography
+ much much more

Programs for Prep - Year 9
@ PCW Melbourne,
187 Dandenong Rd, Windsor
melbourne@campblue.com.au
Ph: 0412 764 243

PLUGGED IN: KEEPING YOUNG PEOPLE SCREEN SAFE

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOUR CHILD GETS UP TO ONLINE?

Join three of Melbourne’s leading experts on cyber safety and learn tips on how to keep them safe.

This free forum will showcase:

SUSAN MCLAREN: Author of ‘Talking Big About an Area of Cyber Safety.

STEVEN DUNN: Cyber bullying and its impact on young people.

JEREMY SHUB: Supporting young people and their families experiencing problematic technology use.

When: Tuesday 24 May 2016, 7pm to 8.30pm
Where: Armadale High School, Burgan St, East Armadale

Light refreshments will be served from 6.30pm onwards. The night will conclude with an opportunity for questions. Parents of young people aged 10-14 years are encouraged to attend.

To RSVP, please visit
http://www.borondara.vic.gov.au or contact Community Planning and Development Department on 9479 8525.

Volunteer Host Families Needed!

World Education Program (WEP) is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation approved by the regulatory authorities in VIC. We are urgently looking for volunteer host families for exchange students arriving in July 2016 for a term, semester or year.

Imagine knowing someone who:
- runs around in shorts and t-shirt in the middle of an Australian winter because the temperature is equivalent to summertime in the student’s home country,
- takes a photo of a meal you have prepared to send overseas because it looks so different,
- is amazed that we can travel for hours and still be in the same state of one country.

How does it work?

You can choose a student who you think will fit best into your family. WEP host families are responsible for providing the exchange student with a room (can be shared with sibling of same sex and similar age), meals and a welcoming family environment. In return, you will gain a new family member and friend for life. All WEP students come with their own spending money and insurance.

Arriving Soon:

Alessandro (Italy) “I am friendly, open-minded and curious about other people and cultures.

I am passionate about sport. I particularly enjoy basketball, martial arts and playing table tennis. I also enjoy reading and listening to music. I look forward to this amazing opportunity!”

Maurizio (Italy) “Hello! I am open-minded, curious and very determined to learn English as well as I possibly can. I play water polo these times a week and I spend a lot of time reading. I can’t wait to come to Australia, be part of my host family and learn about their culture!”

+ many more

Find out more!
Simply jump online or contact WEP today to receive a free information pack including student profiles. Sylvia Kelly – Inbound Program Manager
World Education Program
For the cost of a local call: 1300 884 733
Email: info@wep.org.au Web www.wep.org.au